

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, May 6, 2004

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, May 6, 2004, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A, Detroit, MI 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Willie E. Hampton (**ABS**)
Arthur Blackwell, II
Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Megan Norris

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Walter Shoulders
2nd DC Debra Robinson
Cmdr. Ralph Godbee
Cmdr. Walter Martin
Insp. Jamie Fields
Sgt. Leach
Sgt. Debbie Jackson

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Exec. Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Phillip Craccioholio
Youseff, Free Press
Gloria Canales
Carol Bogden
Maria Tyymismaa
Rick Jones
Ms. Walters

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
Felicia Hardaway
Kellie Williams

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Blackwell called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:15 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairperson Blackwell stated that the Minutes for April 29, 2004, will be tabled until the next meeting.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Vice Chairperson Blackwell stated the Board received a request for three (3) additional Police Commission Investigators, which will be tabled until we receive the additional information that we requested.

Resolution:

RESOLUTION HONORING DIRECTOR ELSIE L. SCOTT, PH.D.

WHEREAS Doctor Elsie L. Scott, Director of the Training Bureau, is resigning from the Detroit Police Department on May 14, 2004, after exemplary service to the citizens of the city of Detroit; and

WHEREAS Director Scott was responsible for coordinating all training for Detroit Police Department personnel, managing the budget, preparing training plans, managing staff and overseeing training compliance with the Consent Judgments; and

WHEREAS Director Scott served as a Representative to the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, a Co-Chair for the International Association of Chiefs of Police – Education and

Training Committee and a member on the Advisory Board for the National Center for Women and Policing; and

WHEREAS Director Scott is nationally renowned for her outstanding commitment to Community Policing and Crime Prevention. She is widely respected and well known for her loyalty and dedication to the Department; and

WHEREAS Director Scott has served the Department with professionalism, integrity and excellence. She has been a stellar model, guide and leader to the men and women of the Detroit Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges Director Elsie L. Scott for her outstanding commitment to the Detroit Police Department. Director Scott's actions were in accordance with the highest standards and traditions of the Detroit Police Department.

We salute and congratulate you, Director Elsie L. Scott.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Willie Hampton
Chairperson

/s/Arthur Blackwell
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Megan P. Norris
Commissioner

/s/Jim Holley
Commissioner

/s/Erminia Ramirez
Commissioner

MOTION: **Comm. Norris** made the motion to adopt the Resolution.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GOSS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2004

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Weekly Count of Complaints:	43	521

2003

During the past week: 21 Year to Date: 395

****Due to the database system being down, the actual breakdown of figures are not available.****

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION – CHIEF OF POLICE

Comm. Norris stated she was very happy to here that officers in the Seventh Precinct apprehended suspects that have been causing trouble in the Indian Village neighborhood.

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Vision Statement

BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and business. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

On May 3-4, 2004, the Narcotics Enforcement Section conducted 20 enforcement actions within the boundaries of the Eleventh Precinct, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- ♦ 16 Felony arrests

- ◆ 36 Misdemeanor arrests
- ◆ 6.3 Grams of cocaine and 112.3 grams of marijuana – street value \$2,969.00
- ◆ \$813.00 U.S. currency
- ◆ 11 Vehicles
- ◆ 20 Miscellaneous Ordinances issued

On April 29, 2004, the Vice Section conducted enforcement actions within the boundaries of the First and Fourth Precincts, resulting in the following arrests:

- ◆ 7 Arrests for Disorderly Conduct – Flagging
- ◆ 6 Miscellaneous Ordinances issued

FIRST PRECINCT

During 2004, there were 35 instances of malicious destruction of property to businesses in the downtown area. On May 3, 2004, at 8:40 p.m., officers of the First Precinct responded to a police run in the area of Randolph and Monroe on possible drive-by shootings. Officers determined that marbles caused damage to the windows and walls of 4 businesses in the area. A description of the vehicle was obtained and broadcast over police radio. Officers of the First Precinct, while on routine patrol, observed the vehicle wanted. As a result of their investigation, two males were arrested for “Malicious Destruction of Property.” Confiscated and placed on evidence were 2 slingshots (wrist rocket) and a metal toolbox containing 75 glass marbles.

TACTICAL SERVICES SECTION

On May 3, 2004, at the Comerica Bank, located at 13233 East Jefferson, a male entered the bank, demanded money and grabbed a customer by the neck. The teller complied and surrendered the money to the subject. The subject escaped on foot. Due to the assistance of a citizen, the subject was later arrested without further incident. He had dye stained hands and \$430.00 in dye stained money in his possession.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL AND THIRTY-FIRST MEMORIAL SERVICE

In honor of the memory of officers slain in the line of duty, on May 6, 2004, at 1300 Beaubien, in the gymnasium, the Detroit Police Department Chaplain Corps Sixth Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held at 7:00 p.m. Additionally, on May 7, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., the Thirty-First Annual Detroit Police Department Interfaith Memorial Service will be held at the Old St. Mary's Church, located at

646 Monroe. Immediately following the service, breakfast will be served in the Atrium of Ford Field, located at 2000 Brush. All are invited to attend.

FIRST PRECINCT – BUSINESS UNITED WITH OFFICERS AND YOUTH

On May 8, 2004, The First Precinct Business United with Officers and Youth will host a Crime Prevention Day for Youth, at the St. Aloysius Community Center, located at 1209 Washington Boulevard, between the hours of 1:00 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. The focus is to provide youth with awareness, prevention and deterrence regarding drugs, guns and arson.

SIXTH PRECINCT

On May 10, 2004, the Sixth Precinct is hosting an auto theft prevention and bicycle safety program day. The theme of the program is "Partners in Safety Day." The purpose of this program is to inform citizens on different ways to protect their vehicles from theft and to teach children bike safety tips. There will be free bike helmets given away, and plenty of hotdogs, ice cream and chips for everyone.

EIGHTH PRECINCT AND TENTH PRECINCT

On May 10-14, 2004, in recognition of Police Week, the Eighth Precinct and the Tenth Precinct are hosting events for 60 area high school, middle school and elementary students. The purpose is to provide a broad variety of information regarding the Detroit Police Department and its functions. Presentations will be given by the Department of Transportation, the Recruiting Unit, the Domestic Violence Unit, the Special Response Team, the Homicide Section, Canine Unit, Traffic Enforcement Unit and the Sex Crimes Unit. In addition, the Blue Pigs and McGruff the "Crime Dog" will perform. This event will not only be very informative, but will allow students to interact with police officers in a positive forum.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

On April 27th and 30th, 2004, the Special Response Team participated in career day at Winship Middle School, located at Hubbell and West Outer Drive and Highland Park Elementary School, located at East Nevada. The tactical equipment and Armored Personnel Carrier were displayed.

TRAINING

TRAINING BUREAU - SPANISH CLASSES

On May 11, 2004, the Detroit Police Department Training Bureau is offering its first Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards "Survival Spanish" course to patrol officers. This course is designed to teach law enforcement personnel how to communicate with the Spanish-speaking community at the basic level.

CHIEF OF POLICE ELLA M. BULLY-CUMMINGS

6. PRESENTATION – RISK MANAGENT BUREAU

Cmdr. Ralph Godbee from the Risk & Policy Management Division gave the following PowerPoint presentation:

(See Attached)

Comm. Ramirez asked could you expound on Act 312?

Cmdr. Godbee stated it is preparation on how we address or approach issues that we want as an agency on behalf of the Chief and the City that we want to raise, to protect management from liabilities. It is the Labor Relations Unit responsibility to do records and research, so that when we testify before an arbitrator we put our best case forward.

Comm. Ramirez asked how are arbitrators selected?

Cmdr. Godbee stated they are selected jointly by an agreement between the City and the Labor Association.

Vice Chairperson Blackwell asked when you say relinquish them, do you mean through the negotiating process?

Cmdr. Godbee stated some deal with the negotiation process, contracts or decisions.

Comm. Ramirez asked how long are the arbitrators in their positions?

Cmdr. Godbee stated that is a city labor issue.

Comm. Norris asked in regards to the disciplinary matrix, which is required by the consent decree, how will that come about and how you will decide what goes where?

Cmdr. Godbee stated we have a couple of graphs of the disciplinary matrix. When looking at the drafts we have to make sure that we are in compliance with the consent decree. We are practicing best practices, but also when we tailor a

product that is germane to the Detroit Police Department. It is going through a bedding process, so it is not ready for public consumption. However we do have a draft at hand and we are in the process of reviewing it, and getting it ready so that it can go to CRIB during the bedding process.

Comm. Norris suggested that before it becomes to be, that you have someone from our Disciplinary Appeals Subcommittee sit in with you to discuss various disciplinary levels. She asked did a RFP regarding an early warning system come from your shop or does it come from some place else?

Cmdr. Godbee stated yes and no. The RFP process is not under our shop. However the interim management awareness process or system is under our shop, which may or may not be in the consent decree. We have just completed the process of getting a data input plan with ITS.

Comm. Norris asked is somebody in your group or in the police department getting reports from the Office of the Chief Investigator's database?

Cmdr. Godbee stated that is contemplated in the data input plan. I believe someone from your staff was invited to that session.

Vice Chairperson Blackwell asked is there anything that risk management sees relative to the Board of Police Commissioners and how we can assist in the development in some of the procedures and policies as it relates to some of the issues you mentioned earlier?

Cmdr. Godbee stated the Board helping us educate the citizens/public of Detroit is a tremendous tool. Also, you give us credibility that when we bring a policy forward or to your attention because of your standing and stature in the community and what you represent as a Commissioner and the issue of how the Commission came about, you help us get the information out to the community and provide forums for us to exchange that information.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Carol Bogden she voiced her concerns to Chief Bully-Cummings regarding she never received a phone call or letter from your office, for a request that I faxed to you asking that Cmdr. Parshall and Sgt. Pays from the Fourth Precinct be present at today's Board meeting. I also want to mention the Green file and I will be getting a picture of Ms. Green to keep in my pocket. She voiced a concern

regarding Comm. Blackwell shaking hands with people and talking about job opportunities.

Vice Chairperson Blackwell stated I don not know what you are talking about, but if you have an issue that you want to discuss, then put it in writing and address me.

Ms. Bogden asked Comm. Ramirez does she do volunteer work and interpreting for the Child Abuse Unit?

Comm. Ramirez asked Ms. Bodgen to put her question in writing?

Ms. Bogden stated I will. She asked Comm. Holley if he could have a public prayer meeting at your church that is opened to the community.

Maria Tyymismaa stated she stated she would like to know what happened to her sister on the night she died. She also feels that the police department is not investigating her case properly.

Chief Bully-Cummings suggested that she speak with Sgt. Jackson after the meeting.

Ms. Walters voiced a concern about officers not using their sirens when they are involved in police chases.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 13, 2004, @ 6:30 p.m.
New Light Baptist Church
5240 W. Chicago
Detroit, MI 48204

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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